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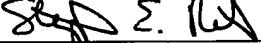
In re Application of: Sawynok et al.
Application No.: 09/700,625
Filing Date: February 1, 2001
For: ANTIDEPRESSANT COMPOSITIONS
USEFUL FOR LOCAL ANALGESIA
(as amended)

Group Art Unit: 1615

Examiner: T. Ware

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 21, 2002 (Paper No. 15), please consider the following amendments and remarks.

In the claims:

Please replace claims 26, 37 and 49 with the following amended forms thereof.

26. (Amended) A composition for local administration comprising a second or third generation antidepressant, and a vehicle suitable for local administration, wherein the second or third generation antidepressant is selected from the group consisting of amoxapine, desipramine,